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LIKELY ABSTAIN ON UNGA RESOLUTION

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Polchief provided reftel A points by non-paper November 3 to Friedrich Stift, MFA Middle East Director, and discussed the issue with Stift November 4. Stift said the GOA shares USG concerns about elements of the Goldstone Report and about the likely content of a resolution that would be introduced in the UNGA. Without getting into possible textual elements, Stift said Austria, along with most or all other EU members, would likely abstain on a resolution introduced at the UNGA November 4 by the Arab Group and others. He said the GOA continues to believe the Goldstone Report should be addressed at the Human Rights Council and not the UNSC. Stift said he had conveyed the USG position to Austrian officials in New York.
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